



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region 4 Headquarters

4600 Giant Springs Road

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DECISION RECORD

Transfer of Westslope Cutthroat Trout from North Badger Creek to South Badger Creek (Two Medicine River Drainage)

Receiving Waters:

Name: South Badger Creek

Location: T28N, R12W, sec13 and T28N, R11W, sec18,19,20,29,32

County: Pondera County

Donating Waters:

Name: North Badger Creek

Location: T28N, R12W, sec4,5,8 and T29N, R12W, sec27,34

County: Pondera County

Fish Species Proposed for Introduction: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks propose transferring live juvenile and adult westslope cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarkii lewisi*) from North Badger Creek to the currently fishless portion of South Badger Creek in the Two Medicine River Drainage. Both North Badger and South Badger creeks are located on National Forest Lands (Lewis and Clark National Forest). A total of 150 to 300 WCT would be transferred over a one to three year period. No more than 10% of the total population of WCT ≥ 6 inches and no more than 20% of the total population of WCT < 6 inches will be moved from North Badger Creek in any one year.

Description of Public Notification/Review Process: The Environmental Assessment was put on the web (Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Public Notices Website) on 2/10/2009. The comment period ended 3/09/2009.

Summary of Public Comments: One comment was received in favor of the proposed project.

Recommendation: Transfer westslope cutthroat trout as described in the environmental assessment.

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